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SUBJECT PROPOSED VISIT OF LEBANESE PRESIDENT

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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT JUST THIS WEEK ON
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S TRIP, FRANGIE COMMENTED
HE AWARE FORMAL INVITATION FOR STATE VISIT TO US
STILL OUTSTANDING. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, HE CONSIDERED
IT IMPORTANT TO LET SITUATION IN AREA CLARIFY A BIT
BEFORE SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE.

2. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFY REASONS, I SUSPECT AMONG
OTHERS MAY BE HIS CONCERN THAT WITH ADVERSE AMERICAN
PUBLIC OPINION TO OIL EMBARGO, VISIT NOW BY AN ARAB
HEAD OF STATE MIGHT NOT BE PROPITIOUS; AND PERHAPS UN-
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CERTAINTY WHETHER HOSTILITIES MIGHT RESUME WHICH WOULD
OF COURSE NECESSITATE HIS PRESENCE HERE.

3. IN LIGHT HIS COMMENTS I BELIEVE THAT PROPOSING SUCH

A SPECIFIC EARLY DATE WOULD BE MISCONSTRUED ON HIS
PART AND UNWELCOME.

4. PROBLEM IS MERELY A MATTER OF TIMING. HE CLEARLY
WANTS TO MAKE SUCH VISIT BUT IS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT
MAJOR UNCERTAINTY IN CURRENT SITUATION DICTATES
WISDOM OF DEFERRING DECISION ON SPECIFIC DATE. BUFFUM UNQTE
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